

*Preliminary
#2, A*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yoshinori MATSUURA et al.**

Serial No.: **divisional of 09/141,140**

Group Art Unit: **1745 (prior)**

Filed: **August 8, 2001**

Examiner: **S. Tsang (prior)**

For: **METAL HYDRIDE ALKALINE STORAGE CELL AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 8, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert after the title:

This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/141,140, filed August
27, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 8 without prejudice and disclaimer, and amend claims 4-7 and
11, to read as follows: /

4. (Amended) A metal hydride alkaline storage cell comprising:

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